

# *District Status Report*

*30 August 2019*

*2019-2020 Report #9*

The purpose for the weekly Status Report is to communicate to members of the School Board important and meaningful information relevant to the business of the school district. The Report is available to the public on the school district's website. Please contact me at 417-2602 if you have any questions regarding information contained in the Status Report. I would also appreciate hearing from you on ways I can improve the Report and make it more meaningful and informative for you.

Dale

## **Our Mission**

**Empowering students with  
knowledge and skills to succeed.**

## **Our Vision**

**To be the school district of choice, inspiring  
excellence in academics, arts, and activities.**

## Information – Communication -- Correspondence

1. **Kickoff Breakfast** – Thank you Board members for your presence this morning at the breakfast. Staff greatly appreciated seeing you!
2. **Board Budget Work Sessions** – The Budget work session is planned for Wednesday, September 11, beginning at 5:30 pm, in the Secondary School Media Center. Objectives for the work session include:
  - 2019-2020 Budget adjustment expectations and directives
  - Budget reduction process including priorities and parameters to apply for 2020-2021 budget development
  - Long-range financial strategy including operational revenue and expenditures. Adopt a district philosophy that maintains any fluctuation in the property tax within a defined range. This would assist the District in managing a "smoothing" effect on property taxes and develop a long-range strategy in responding to decreasing debt and opportunities to increase revenue.

Dinner will be provided and available at 5:15 pm.

3. **Washington DC Student Field Study** – Theresa Buendorf asked that I share with you about the Washington DC trip scheduled for April 1 – 4. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Theresa **no later than September 20**.
4. **Soccer Coop Transportation Update** – As a follow-up to public comments made at the August 19 School Board meeting, I met with the parent and have since communicated that the District will provide transportation to Waseca High School on six (6) dates that correspond with ‘away games’ in which the team leaves early. On those dates, the District already has a van scheduled to travel to Waseca to pick up students so the van has room to transport the soccer players at no additional cost. Please contact me with questions.
5. **School Board “Talk and Tour”** – You should have received an e-mail from Special Education Director Heather Harms on August 20 at 8:20 pm inviting you to a second “Talk and Tour” coordinated by Mrs. Harms and held at the Waseca District Office on October 1 beginning at 5 pm. I plan to attend and would be happy to have up to four Board members ride with me. Please respond to Mrs. Harm’s e-mail or let me know if you are interested in attending. The agenda includes:
  - Photo Tour of programs
  - MDE File Review
  - Transportation
  - Enrollment Options
  - Special Education Advisory Committee
6. **MSBA School Board Leadership Conference** – If you have not already, please be sure you have put the annual leadership conference on your calendar for Thursday, January 16, and Friday, January 17, 2020, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. When it becomes available, Sue Kulseth will make hotel reservations for us.

## School Board Calendar of Events

September 4, 2019		First Day for Students
September 11, 2019	5:30 pm	School Board Budget Work Session – Board Room
September 16, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
October 21, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

## **Dale's Calendar for August September 2 - 6 (As of 8-30-19)**

Monday		Offices/Buildings Closed – Labor Day
Tuesday	7:00 pm	FIRST DAY FOR STUDENTS Volleyball
Wednesday	3:30 pm	Administrative Team Meeting
Thursday		In the District
Friday	8:00 am 7:00 pm	School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair Football

Thank you for all you do!